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HOUSE BILL 645

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO INSURANCE; PROVIDING FOR AN ATTORNEY POSITION IN  
THE INSURANCE DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION;  
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 59A-2-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1984,  
Chapter 127, Section 22, as amended) is amended to read:

"59A-2-4. STAFF. --

A. With the commission chief of staff's approval,  
the superintendent may designate an employee of the insurance  
division as chief deputy superintendent who shall be acting  
superintendent when the office of superintendent is vacant or  
the superintendent is unable to perform the duties of that  
office because of mental or physical disability.

B. The superintendent may employ an attorney to

1 advise him on matters that come before the insurance division.  
2 The attorney shall be considered the superintendent's attorney  
3 for purposes of ex parte consultations in Section 12-8-13 NMSA  
4 1978. "

5 Section 2. APPROPRIATION. -- One hundred fifty thousand  
6 dollars (\$150,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
7 insurance division of the public regulation commission for  
8 expenditure in fiscal year 2004 to employ an attorney for the  
9 superintendent of insurance. Any unexpended or unencumbered  
10 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert  
11 to the general fund.

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